



# Water Conservation Program

## Rainwater Collection Rebate Guidelines

This rebate is for the purchase and installation of rainwater collection barrels. Using rainwater for non-potable purposes, helps conserve our drinking water supply and is better for plants than treated potable water, due to higher nitrogen levels. Please note rebates are only available to direct City of Round Rock water customers. (MUDs are not eligible)

### **PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Applicant must be a direct City of Round Rock water customer in good standing. (MUD customers are not eligible)
- Rainwater collected will only be used for non-potable purposes and not connected to the City's water supply.
- An itemized receipt must be submitted with the application within 60-days of installation. Receipt must include date, vendor name and address, amount paid, and capacity of the barrel(s) and any other applicable materials.
- Applicant is responsible for obtaining HOA approval, if applicable. HOAs cannot prohibit rainwater harvesting in the City of Round Rock; however, they may dictate where the barrels may be located on your property.
- Rebates are available until funds have been expended. Visit [roundrocktexas.gov/rebates](http://roundrocktexas.gov/rebates) for available rebates. Once funds are exhausted the rebate program will no longer appear on the website.

#### **REBATE DETAILS:**

- Rebate is \$0.50 per gallon of storage capacity of the barrel(s).
- Rebate is 50% of the purchase price of pad material, overflow, first flush, and pump to distribute the water.
- Rebate is 25% of the cost (up to \$200) of gutters, as part of a rainwater collection project. Rebate is only for gutters connected to a rainwater collection project.
- Maximum rebate amount is \$600 per water account, per year for the items mentioned above. If additional barrel(s) are purchased, you can apply again for the new capacity. The rebate is NOT for the same barrels year after year; it is for expansions or additions to the system.
- Rebate amount does not apply to tax.
- All rainwater collection/harvesting equipment is exempt from sales tax per Section 151.355 of the Texas Tax Code. To claim this exemption, purchaser must furnish a Tax Exemption Application Form 01-339 to the supplier at time of purchase. Form is available at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/01-339.pdf>.

#### **BARREL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Only newly purchased barrels are eligible. Used, repurposed, recycled, or self-made barrels are not eligible.
- Must be dark-colored or have an internal liner to prevent sunlight from penetrating the tank.
- Must have screens on openings to prevent debris, insects, or animals from entering barrel.
- Must have a pipe/hose to direct the overflow water away from the base to prevent erosion and localized flooding.
- If barrel is made of galvanized metal or wood, it must have an interior liner to prevent rusting or rotting.
- Barrels must be level on the ground or on a pad site made of concrete, gravel or sand.